

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend this application on page 1, line 1, by inserting the following new paragraph:

-- This is a division of Application No. 09/675,601, filed September 29, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference. --

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 17 of page 13 and ending at line 1 of page 14 as follows:

-- Figures ~~9-11~~ 8-11 illustrate various configurations of T-fasteners which may be used to secure the esophageal and gastric walls. The traditional T-fastener 48 has a simple T-bar at each end, as shown in Figure 8. With this fastener, the forces of securing the gastric and esophageal tissue in the post-deformation position are borne by the T-bars at each end of the fastener, which have a small area over which to distribute the forces. This type of T-bar may pull through either the gastric or esophageal wall. Thus, it may be desirable to utilize T-fasteners in conjunction with the present invention which have T-bar configurations with increased area over which the forces of securing the tissue will be distributed. --

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 14 and ending at line 2 of page 15 as follows:

-- Figures ~~13-14~~ 13a-13b show yet another alternative fastener 60 which may be used to secure gastric and esophageal tissue according to the present invention. The fastener 60 is a longitudinal member with deformable portions 62, 64 near the proximal

and distal ends, and may preferably be made of polypropylene or other biocompatible durable material. --

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AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as follows:

-- ~~METHOD~~ DEVICE FOR PERFORMING ENDOLUMINAL FUNDOPLICATION
AND APPARATUS FOR USE IN THE METHOD --

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